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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE, WAR CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS

REF: DEPARTMENT'S 031629, FEBRUARY 11, 1977; MOSCOW 2150
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1. REGARDING TALIVALDIS KARKLINS MENTIONED IN ITEM D
DEPARTMENT'S 031629, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY ASK SOVIET
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE FOR ASSISTANCE CASE OF TALIVALDIS
KARKLINS. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATING KARKLINS
DETERMINE WHETHER TO FILE DENATURALIZATION COMPLAINT
AGAINST HIM BECAUSE OF ACTIONS AGAINST JEWS AND COMMUNISTS
IN MADONA DURING 1941-1944.

2. KARKLINS BORN JUNE 16, 1914, MADURNA, LATVIA. HE WAS
CHIEF CONCENTRATION CAMP MADONA ABOUT AUGUST 1941 TO
SEPTEMBER 1942. AFTER JANUARY 1943, HE WAS PLATOON
COMMANDER WAFFEN SS. HE IS CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING AND
DIRECTING BEATING AND KILLING OF JEWS AND COMMUNISTS.
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3. REQUEST EWALD BLAUS, RESIDENT OF THE LATVIAN S.S.R.,
APPROXIMATELY SIXTY YEARS OLD, BE INTERVIEWED KNOWLEDGE
KARKLINS' ACTIVITIES DURING WAR. BLAUS REPORTEDLY WAS A

MEMBER OF MADONA POLICE DURING NAZI OCCUPATION. HE IS
BROTHER-IN-LAW OF LT. JANIS ALEKSANDUS VABULIS, OFFICER

IN LATVIAN ARMY PRIOR TO WW II. NO FURTHER INFORMATION
OR CURRENT ADDRESS AVAILABLE.

4. ASSISTANT PROCURATOR, LATVIAN S.S.R., COUNSELOR OF
JUSTICE DAUDISH, HAS PREVIOUSLY ASSISTED IN THIS CASE
WITH INTERROGATIONS OF PERSONS IN RIGA. VANCE

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